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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS EC
SUBJ: ECUADOREAN ORDER FOR M-16S

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1. REF ABOVE REQUESTED VIEWS: INFO OF PLANNED USAGE OF
25000 M-16 RIFLES AND 5000 M-16 CARBINES TO BE SOLD
FROM COLT INDUSTRIES TO ECUADOR.

(NOTE: NO INFO AVAILABLE THIS LOCATION REFERENCE M-16 CARBINES.
IT IS KNOWN THAT HC ARMY DESIRES A CARBINE TYPE WEAPON FOR USE
AS INDICATED PARA 2.)

2. THE 25000 RIFLES ARE SUFFICIENT TO EQUIP HC ARMY AND PRO-
VIDE AN ADEQUATE WAR RESERVE. THE 50000 CARBINES ARE TO BE
USED FOR PLATOON LEADERS, MEMBERS OF THE ARMORED BRIGADE, AND
A WAR RESERVE.

3. SUBJECT WEAPONS ARE BADLY NEEDED FOR MODERNIZATION AND TO
REPLACE THE FN RIFLE PRESENTLY USED, WHICH ARE OLD AND FOR
WHICH THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES IN
OBTAINING SPARE PARTS.

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